



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Commissioner for Patents

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

P.O. Box 1450

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STRAP ASSEMBLIES AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), an extension of time of one (1) month (from October 8, 2003 to November 8, 2003) within which to respond to the Office Action dated July 8, 2003 is requested. A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the extension fee. Applicant is entitled to small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27. The Commissioner is authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 16-0631 any underpayments, overpayments or additionally required fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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